



THE COPIE OF A LETTER,

Showing

The True Relation, of the
Late and Happie Victorie,

Receaved by

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The second of Iulie, 1645.





SIR,

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THE MARQUES of MONTROSE (as I shew
in my last) bceeing in Stretharle Lindsay did retyre
to the Strengths and Holds about Neutle, so that
the Marques could not without desperate hazard
force him to fight; wherefore hee resolved to march back
vpon Bailie, who was then of return from Innerness, and
oppressing all his Majesties saythfull Subjects within the
Shyresdom of Aberdene.

MONTROSE lifteth from Stretharle, and by long
marches, the third night pitcheth in Cro of Marr: Bailie
(being then at Neuton in Garioch) moveth toward the
Park of Drum (always incamping in the strongest grounds
vpon his march) and there resolveth to stay untill Lindsay
should come for his Assistance, who hee had advertized
for that effect.

MONTROSE all this tyme was obliedged to stay in
Cro of Marr, expecting his Levies chiefly of Voluntire
Hors; who were slow in comming neither very confide-
rable at that tyme when they were come. MONTROSE
being thus disappoynted of his own supplies, and having
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directed Master *Mack Donald*, with some Forces, for raysing the *Hie-lands*, to joyn with them: When hee did vnderstand of *Lindsay's* Advance hee thought it not fit to hazard one so vnequall terms, nor handfom to seem to march off vpon their joyning. Therefore, hee resolved to seem to haue another design, and marched for *Cargarth*, which is a strong ground, and lay conveniently for the *Randevoufs* of all his Forces. Upon which *Lindsay* returneth to *Angus*, taking the Regiment of *Red-coats*; and leaving those hee had, with *Baylie* in their place after which *Baylie* removed to the *Engie*, and there seemeth to resolute his stay, vpon which *MONTROSE* marcheth to *Balvenie*, some eyght myles from him. And being sufficiently informed of his Force, resolved to march towards him.

But *Baylie* removeth that same very tyme, vpon which *MONTROSE* directed out some Horfs, who presentlie vewed the Enemies whole Horfs and Dragowniers their foot being at a little distance: Wherevpon *MONTROSE* drew vp his whole foot the Armies being at about two myles distance, and commandeth them to halt there in their Order hee himself goeth with his whole Horfs, and some four hundredth Musquetiers, for flankers to the top of the next hill, to vew the Enemy: Which they perceiving (after some Skirmishing, with loose Horfes) retyreth over a passe: where they placed some Dragoniers, and thereafter to another passe hard by it, at the foot of a Bra; to which their Dragoniers retyred quytting the first passe. Upon which *MONTROSE* advanceth all his Foot to his Horfs, and putteth Musquetiers to the first passe. The Enemy draweth all their Foot to the Bra, to which their Horfs retyred which was an extream strong ground. Thus lay both the Armies on hights, and each of them mayntayn a passe in the bottom, it being alreadie dark, they passed

passed that night: The next morning *MONTROSE* (finding there was no possibilitie to force the Enemy, without much hazard) directed a Drum to them, and desyred they would take it in their choyce, eyther to pass towards him, and hee would march off; or that they would march off, that hee might advance towards them: Both of which they refused; and replyed, they would bee at thier advantage. Upon which *MONTROSE* marched off; thinking to haue drawn them after him: But they did not so much as put out a Scout, to see whither hee was gone: So hee marched that night to Drumminer.

Where putting off the next day, hee resolveth the day thereafter, to march for Alfoord; the Enemy being informed, that *MONTROSE* men were all stragled advanceth towards Drumminer this same morning. Notwithstanding *MONTROSE* resolved to continue his march, vntill hee should vew, and get intelligence, and vnderstand perfectly, vpon what occasion the Enemy had altered their Resolution, as not being willing before to fight now so hardlie to persue it.

His march at Drumminer was not well moving, when the Enemies Scouts appeareth, notwithstanding hee advanceth slowlie, and keepeth his whole Horfs, and some Musquetiers on the Rire; the Enemy advances and takes a little to the left hand: But *MONTROSE* continueth his march to Alfoord; where hee incampeth that night; and the Enemy pitcheth some four myles from him, vpon the left hand.

The next morning, *MONTROSE* going abroad himself (to direct some well mounted Horfs, for scouring certayn intelligence, concerning the Enemy) fyndeth (that they were fast advancing (vpon their former intelligence of *MONTROSE* small number,) wherevpon knowing hee was able to fight them, tho not near in number, and that

Lindsay

Lindsay was on his march to joyn with them, hee resolveth to draw from his Quarter towards them; and that hee might do it with the more freedom, (the Enemie beeing within two myles, hee appoynteth a Troup with some louse horses to Skirmish: But they conceaving that hee was marching off, and taking the retreat, advanced with the more expedition, and crosseth the River of Done, with their whole Horses, and commanded Musquetiers, beate in *MONTROSE* louse Horses, and advanced their whole Armie, within half a myle to him. Which hee perceiving that they would either haue him fight, or make an hor Retreat, and knowing perfectlie their numbers, (as in those cases, it is still the best to bee the persuer) resolved to put them to their defence: Whyle they supposed hee had been retiring, hee advanceth fast vpon them, with his whole Armie, (which forced their Horses Retire to their Foot) and taketh his Stand, within little more than Musquet-shot to them, the Enemie, as yet, not being in posture in, respect all their numbers were not, as yet, come vp.

They began both to range themselves, the Enemie finding *MONTROSE* resolved to fight, did asswage their furie, and got the half of the fear, and contenting themselves not to advance further, betook themselves to dykes and advantages of ground; where they put themselves in Battail: *MONTROSE* beeing vpon a little swelling hight, they did not well perceave his numbers vntill they were near the chock, which made them much the more astonished, hee lykewyse put himself in order, giving the charge of his Right Wing to the Lord Gordon, and Colonell Gordon, of the Left to the Lord Obain, and Sir William Rollok, the Hie-landers had the Bodie of the Battail, led on by Balloch General, Quarter Master Graham, & William Farcharlone of Innerray, the Irish Musquetiers flanked the wings of Horses, hee himself was before the right wing with
some

some reformire officers, the Master of Napier commanded the Reserve of the right wing, and Glangarie that of the Hie-landers. Thus framed after *MONTROSE* had ordered his Horſs to charge at firſt with Sword: hee maketh a ſign to march vpon the Enemy, who had their Foot within dykes, and their wings a little advanced with flanking Muſquetiers: But the Enemy perceaving him march reſolute-ly vpon them, keeps only their Stand, vntill the wings were within a verie little diſtance, then they advanced at a trot where there was a verie hot charge, and warm ran-counter: For it was ſo rough vpon the Enemies left wing (their Horſs being ſo hotly handled, by thoſe Gallant Gentle-men of *MONTROSE* Right Wing) that they would gladly haue changed their Adverſaries, and aimed, to fall vpon the Foot that flanked thoſe Horſs: But that *MONTROSE* himſelf ſtopt their deſign, with his Right Wings reſerve commanded by the Maſter of Napier, who had advanced to fall on vpon the flank and reire of the Enemy. Which the Enemies flanking Muſquetiers perceaving after their ſalvie retired behind their Horſs: and their Horſs perceaving that *MONTROSE* with the reſerve was readie to fall vpon their naked flank, they run Horſs and Foot.

The right wing was routed with leſs difficultie: for after the betting in of ſome commanded Muſquetiers, their horſs did not bide the charge only their piks ſeemed to make ſome ſtay, who beeing ſurrounded by the flanking Muſquetiers of *MONTROSE* left wing, were all cut off in the place.

The Enemy was of Foot 1500, and of Horſs 500, the whole Foot Officers and Souldiours, were totallie cut off, except ſome few Straglers, and twelue Officers that were taken Priſoners: their Horſes had the Chafe nyne myles, and were all killed, wounded, or diſperſed.

MONTROSE had killed on the Field only ſeven that were known, after all the Search, hee could make amongſt

who was the Lord Gordon, a braue Gentle-man; who lived faythfully, and died valiantly, in his Majesties service; the Lairds of Balwholy, and Milton also. Where were divers hurt, Amongst who were George Dowglass sonne to the Earll of Morton, who carried the Standart of Horss; Sir William Hay of Dalgitie Colonell Gordon, the Laird of Gight; all acting the Parts of braue Men.

IT were to bee wisht, that people of all sorts and conditions, would take this to consideration, that the hand of the Lord hath now the first tyme given an evident token of His wrath and anger, for the stryvings of this seditious faction in this Nation, agaynst their Prince. For now this is the first powerfull Armie, that have been totallie overthrowen to them, by the Marques of Montrose, without the aide of any, except the Earl of Airlie, and the Lord Gordon; hee beeing still but an handfull, lyke Gedion's choice, water-leapers; they trusting in the numbers of their Armies, and multitude of Forces: Hee without Ammunition, Arms, or that which is the sinewes of Armies; saving what hee had from their Camp; they full fraught withall.

When wee see their frequent Fastings, & Humiliations, & the Lord still angrie, can wee but think, that there is some basome sinnes unrepented of, when wee see them humbled, for the ordinarie finnes of the world, as Adulteries, Murthers, Drunkenness, &c. And yet the Lord still smyting: Can wee but conceane, but there is some extraordinarie sinnes lieth hid?

Is it not Achans Wedge? And Babylonian Garment? Is not that stolen Wedge of Gold there? The Kings Rents hee is robbed of here. Is not that Babylonian Garment there? His Royall Prerogative rent from him here. But, Who hath repented of this? Or, Who hath thought it a syne at all, amongst other finnes?

True it is, it were to bee wished, that they would repent them of the Evill Done; And intended agaynst his Majesties Sacred Person, and Authoritie; And, no question, the LORD would repent Him, of the Evill determined agaynst them; and in the midst of His Anger, would remember Mercie, to stay the Issue of Blood, by sheathing the Devouring Sword vpon the one Hand; And stop the Furie of the Destroying Plague on the other.